

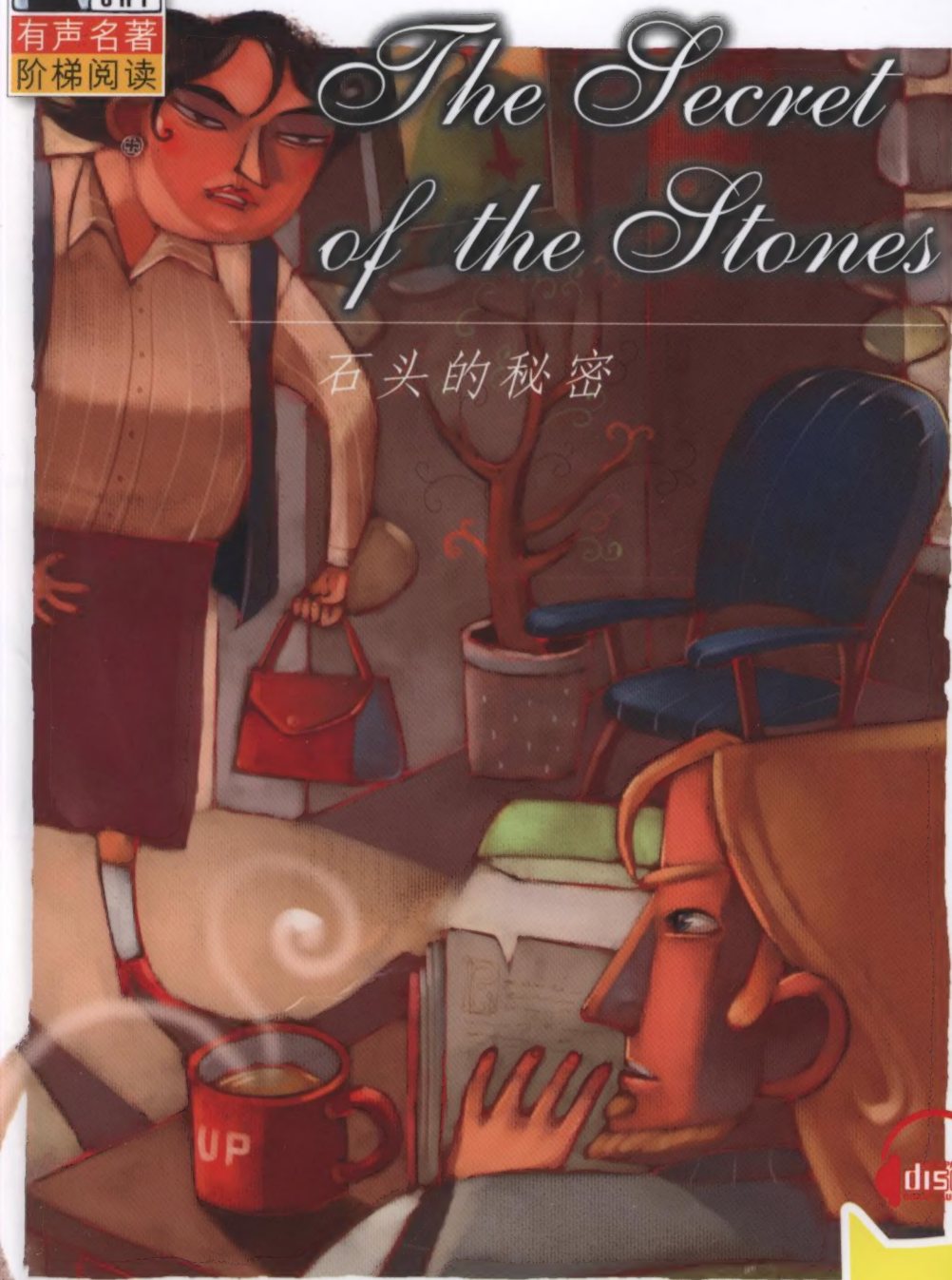


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## BEFORE YOU READ

### 1 VOCABULARY: GOING ON HOLIDAY

Look at these words. Put them into the correct group.

~~beach~~ cities sightseeing maps monuments sunbathing  
mountains museums passports sleeping suitcases beach towels  
swimming swimming costumes tickets walking guide books

things you take	activities	things you see or places you go to
		beach

### 2 SPEAKING

Answer these questions.

- What's your favourite place for a holiday?
- Why do you like it?
- What do you do there?
- What do you take with you?



# Holiday time



aura and Max are twins.<sup>1</sup> They live in London with their mum and dad. They always have interesting adventures on holiday. They visit different cities and countries.



This summer they are going to stay in a small cottage<sup>2</sup> in the country. The cottage is in a village called Stonecross, near Salisbury. (*Look at the map on page nine and you can find the cottage.*) Max and Laura aren't very happy.

"Boring!" says Max. He looks at the map, "The cottage is in the middle of a field."<sup>3</sup> What can we do in the middle of a field?"

1. twins : 双胞胎。



2. cottage : 村舍, 小屋。



3. field : 原野。



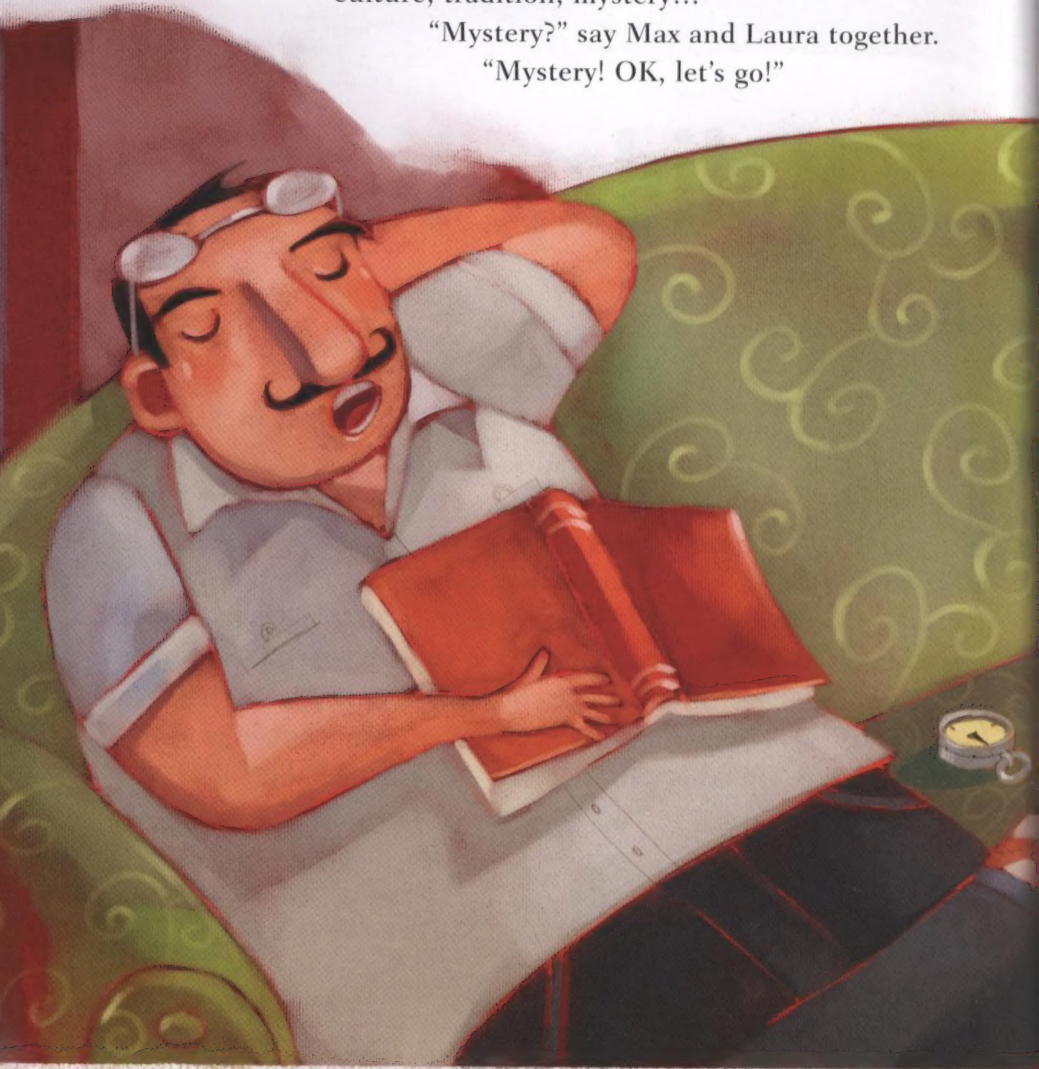
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"Why are we going there?" asks Laura.

Their dad is very tired. He says he wants to relax and to sleep a lot. Their mum loves the country. She wants to walk and paint. "It is a very beautiful part of England," she says, "Full of culture, tradition, mystery..."

"Mystery?" say Max and Laura together.

"Mystery! OK, let's go!"







## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

**1** Choose the correct answer (A, B or C). There is an example at the beginning (0).

**0** Max is Laura's

- A** ☒ twin.  
**B** ☐ little brother.  
**C** ☐ big brother.

**1** Max and Laura live

- A** ☐ in the country.  
**B** ☐ in a big city.  
**C** ☐ in the middle of a field.

**2** It is

- A** ☐ spring.  
**B** ☐ summer.  
**C** ☐ autumn.

**3** Max says "Boring!" because

- A** ☐ the cottage is in the middle of a field.  
**B** ☐ he hates culture.  
**C** ☐ he wants to relax and sleep.

**4** They are going on holiday with

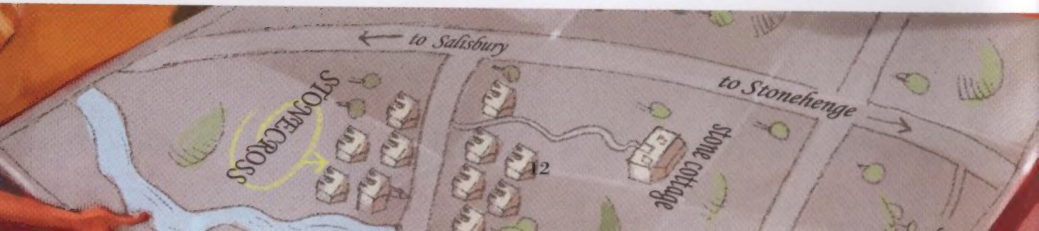
- A** ☐ their brother and sister.  
**B** ☐ their cousins.  
**C** ☐ their mum and dad.

**5** Their mum likes

- A** ☐ painting.  
**B** ☐ sleeping.  
**C** ☐ swimming.

**6** Max and Laura are happy because

- A** ☐ they are going to a beautiful part of England.  
**B** ☐ they love culture.  
**C** ☐ they like mystery.





2

**WRITING**

Read the information about this cottage and complete the request form.

**RENT A COTTAGE IN WILTSHIRE**

Stone Cottage, Meadow Road, Stonecross, Wiltshire.

**£550.00 per week.**

Wiltshire is a beautiful part of England. Come here with your family on holiday.

Stone Cottage has four bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs. Downstairs there is a big kitchen, a living room and a study. There is a museum and an old church near the village. It is only 25 miles from Stonehenge. Phone Cosy Cottages Tourist Agency for more information.

**WILTSHIRE COTTAGES REQUEST FORM**

Name of the cottage:	0	Stone Cottage
Address:	1	.....
Price per week:	2	.....
Number of bedrooms:	3	.....
Places to visit:	4	.....
Distance from Stonehenge:	5	.....
Name of tourist agency:	6	.....

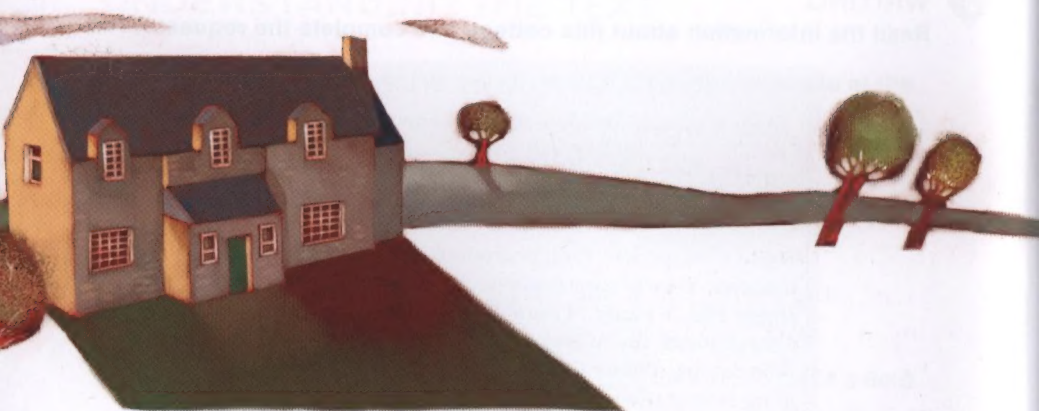
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**SPEAKING**

**Topic – Rooms in the home**


Draw a plan of your house and talk about it. Use these questions to help you.

- How many rooms are there in your house?
- Describe your bedroom.
- What's your favourite room. Why?



# Stonecross



he next day Uncle Stephen and Aunt Barbara arrive. They have lots of suitcases. <sup>1</sup> This year the two families are going on holiday together. 

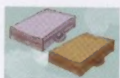
Mum drives her car. Dad sleeps... Dad always sleeps! Uncle Stephen and Aunt Barbara follow in their slow, old car.

Two hours later they arrive at Stonecross and find their cottage in the middle of a field. There are green hills, beautiful cottages, flowers, sheep and cows everywhere.

"It's lovely!" say Max and Laura.

"It's perfect!" say Mum and Aunt Barbara.

1. suitcases :





## STONECROSS

Dad says nothing. He is sleeping in the car.

"What do you think, Stephen? Do you like it?" Uncle Stephen doesn't answer. He is looking into the distance. His eyes are very black and strange.

"What's the matter, Stephen?" asks Auntie Barbara, "Don't you like the cottage?"

"Err... yes. It's wonderful," he says, "Come on everyone. Let's take these suitcases inside. Wake up, Andrew!" Dad wakes up.

"What? Oh... err... where are we?"

"We're here at Stonecross. Come and help. We must take the suitcases into the cottage."

They take the suitcases and go inside, but Uncle Stephen waits. He wants to talk to his wife.

"Barbara, I must tell you something," he says. His voice is very serious, "This place..."

"Yes, darling?"

"...This place is in my book! Do you remember? The book I am studying, about mysteries..."

"But Stephen, that book is very old. It's full of strange codes and secret messages!"

"Exactly. Don't you understand? This is the place where..."

"Come on, Barbara! Come on, Stephen!" shouts Mum from the cottage.

"We're coming," Uncle Stephen and Auntie Barbara answer. But when they walk to the cottage their faces are white. They look very worried.







## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1 Connect the words from column A to column B.

A

1. ☐ It is very beautiful.
2. ☐ He sleeps a lot.
3. ☐ It is slow.
4. ☐ They think the house is lovely.
5. ☐ It is full of secret codes.
6. ☐ She is worried.

B

- a. Dad
- b. Max and Laura
- c. Aunt Barbara
- d. the book
- e. the cottage
- f. Uncle Stephen's car

2 SUMMARY

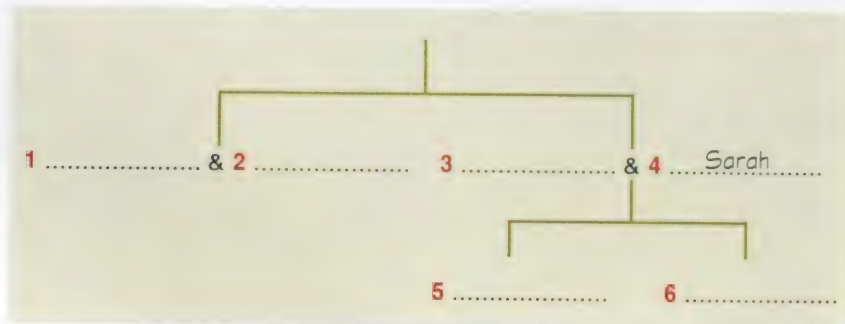
Choose a word from the box to complete each space.

important everyone and wants lots  
but very his middle small

Stonecross is a 1..... village near Salisbury. The cottage is beautiful and it is in the 2..... of a field. There are 3..... of animals 4..... flowers in the field too. 5..... likes the cottage. They take the suitcases inside, 6..... Uncle Stephen waits outside. He 7..... to speak to 8..... wife. He tells her about an 9..... book. He is 10..... worried.

3 VOCABULARY: FAMILIES

There are six people in Chapter Two. Put their names into this family tree.





4

Write these words next to the correct person.

aunt brother ~~brother~~ brother dad daughter husband  
 husband mum sister ~~son~~ uncle wife wife

brother  
son

5

Complete the sentences with the correct ending from column B.

A

1. ☐ Andrew is
2. ☐ Max is
3. ☐ Barbara is
4. ☐ Sarah is
5. ☐ Laura is
6. ☐ Stephen is

B

- a. Andrew's brother.
- b. Stephen's wife.
- c. Andrew's daughter.
- d. Laura's mother.
- e. Max's father.
- f. Sarah's son.

6

Write five more sentences about the family.

7

Draw your family tree in your notebook. Write sentences about your relatives.

## BEFORE YOU READ

### 1 VOCABULARY: JOBS

What are their jobs? Write the correct word from the box under each picture.

actor   artist   dentist   doctor   lifeguard  
musician   chef   florist



A. ....



B. ....



C. ....



D. ....



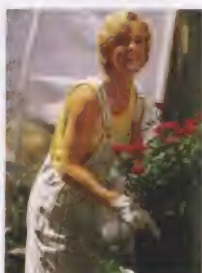
E. ....



F. ....



G. ....



H. ....

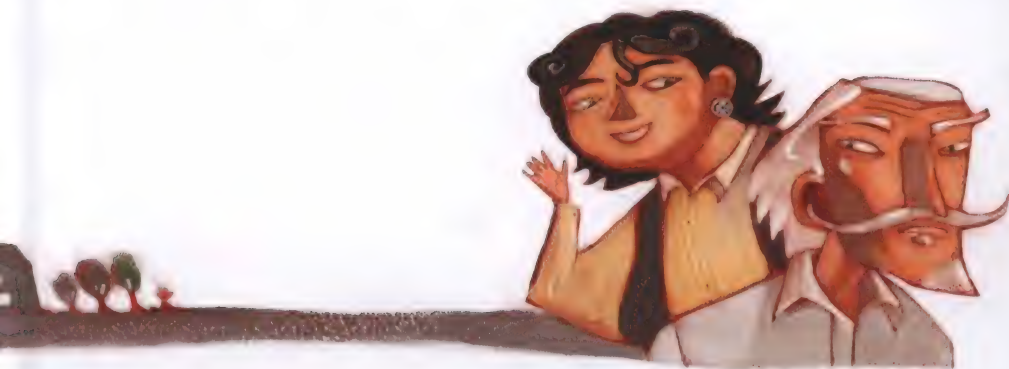
### 2 Who does these things? Write the letter of the job in the box.

Who...

1. protects swimmers?
2. paints pictures?
3. looks after ill people?
4. looks after teeth?



5. sells flowers?
6. cooks in a restaurant?
7. plays an instrument?
8. acts in films and in the theatre?



# Mr Carter and Mrs Black



he cottage is big. There are four bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs. Downstairs there is a big kitchen, a living room and a study. Uncle Stephen wants to use the study. He must finish some work during the holiday. 

Uncle Stephen is a historian. "What does Uncle Stephen do exactly?" Laura asks. Her mother replies, "He studies history."

Max is confused. "But I study history too... at school... but it's not my job!"

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"Yes, but Uncle Stephen writes books about history. He thinks about history. He tries to understand the things that no one understands."

"For example?" asks Laura.

"Well," Mum replies, "for example, the mystery of Stonehenge."

"So, what about Stonehenge? What is its mystery?"

"No one really knows. Ask Uncle Stephen. Tomorrow we can go to see it."

Suddenly there is a knock at the door. Mum opens it and an old man comes in. He has white hair and an angry face. "My name's Carter," he says in an angry voice, "I look after this cottage. Is everything OK? There is wood <sup>1</sup> for the fire in the garden. There are sheets <sup>2</sup> and pillows <sup>3</sup> upstairs. If you have a problem, tell me. Have you got any problems?"

Now Mum remembers. Yes, Mr Carter is the caretaker. He looks after the cottage when no one is staying in it.

"Thank you Mr Carter. It's very kind of you, but we have no problems."

Mr Carter wants a problem to solve so he is not very happy. He goes to the door. Then he stops suddenly, turns around and looks at them. "Mrs Black is coming," he says, "Mrs Black is coming soon. Be careful!" He opens the door and goes out.

1. wood :



2. sheets :



3. pillows :





# The Secret of the Stones

"What?" asks Mum.

"Who is Mrs Black?" asks Max.

"And why 'be careful!?' Is she dangerous?" asks Aunty Barbara.

"Probably a witch <sup>1</sup> from Stonehenge," says Laura. Everyone laughs.

"Don't talk about things you don't understand!" says Uncle Stephen.

There is another knock at the door. They all stop. There is silence in the room.

Max opens the door. No one speaks.

"Hello everyone," says a happy voice. A woman comes into the cottage. She is quite old, fat, but she is pretty. She has blue eyes, silver earrings and a big pink face.

"Hello! My name's Mrs Black."

Mrs Black is a housekeeper: she helps with the cooking and cleaning. When a family comes for a holiday in the cottage she helps them. She lives in a different cottage in the village with her son.

Mrs Black is very nice and they start to relax. Later they eat a big dinner and then say goodbye to their new friend, the housekeeper. They are very tired and soon everyone is sleeping. Everyone but Uncle Stephen. He can't sleep because he is thinking about the book he is studying.

1. witch :





## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

**1** Are sentences 1-5 "Right" (A) or "Wrong" (B)? If there is not enough information to answer "Right" (A) or "Wrong" (B), choose "Doesn't say" (C). There is an example at the beginning (0).

0 There are ten rooms in the house.

A ☐ Right

B ☒ Wrong

C ☐ Doesn't say

1 Max and Laura don't understand Uncle Stephen's job.

A ☐ Right

B ☐ Wrong

C ☐ Doesn't say

2 Uncle Stephen doesn't understand the mystery of Stonehenge.

A ☐ Right

B ☐ Wrong

C ☐ Doesn't say

3 Mr Carter lives in the house.

A ☐ Right

B ☐ Wrong

C ☐ Doesn't say

4 Mr Carter has a son.

A ☐ Right

B ☐ Wrong

C ☐ Doesn't say

5 Mrs Black has blue eyes and black earrings.

A ☐ Right

B ☐ Wrong

C ☐ Doesn't say

## **2** VOCABULARY: THE HOME

### **Stone Cottage**

*"The cottage is big. There are four bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs. Downstairs there is a big kitchen, a living room and a study."*

**What can you find in a ...?**

**How many objects can you write in three minutes?**

**bedroom**

**bathroom**

**kitchen**

**living room**

**study**

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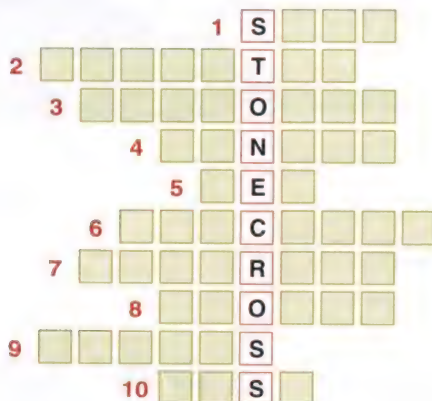
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## CROSSWORD

Look at the pictures (easy version) or the written clues (difficult version – cover the pictures with another book). You can find all of these things in the cottage in Stonecross. Use your dictionary to help you.



### DIFFICULT

1. It's in the kitchen. You wash things here.
2. It's in the study. You use it to write and to surf the Internet.
3. It's in lots of rooms. You put things inside it if you want a tidy house.
4. It's in every room. It's transparent so the sun shines into your house.
5. It's in the bedroom. You sleep here.
6. It's in the living room. You sit in one. It's very comfortable.
7. It's in the bedroom. It's a place to put your clothes.
8. It's in the bathroom. You wash here... but it's not a bath!
9. These are necessary to go up and down if your house has two floors.
10. It's in the study. It's similar to a table.

### EASY



1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8



9




10



# Laura and Max explore the village



In the morning Laura and Max decide to explore the small village of Stonecross. 

“Bye. Have a nice time! Come home for lunch at 1 o’clock,” says their mother.

In the square there is a post office, a baker’s, a greengrocer’s, a newsagent’s and some other small shops.

“Let’s buy something to drink in this newsagent’s,” says Max, “It’s very hot.”

A woman is working in the shop.

## LAURA AND MAX explore the village

They say, "Good morning!" and smile at the woman but she does not smile at them. She looks at the twins with cold eyes.

"You two aren't from Stonecross. What do you want?"

The woman is not very friendly.

"Err... two cans<sup>1</sup> of coke please," says Max.

"£1.60."

She gives them two cans of coke and they give her the money.

The woman's cold eyes do not change.

"Tourists don't usually come to Stonecross," she says. Her voice is cold too. "It's not a good idea, remember that!"

"Err... yes... OK. Thank you. Err... goodbye," says Laura. They run out of the shop very quickly. In the square the sun is shining. Everything is normal again.

"Wow, there are some strange people in this village," says Max.

They walk along another street and suddenly a man appears. He is not very old. He is wearing a dark suit and a tie<sup>2</sup> with a strange design on it. The twins stop. The man smiles. He says, "Hello, hello... two explorers in Stonecross. Are you on holiday? Are you having a nice time?"

"Yes, yes, thank you," replies Laura.

"My name's Martin Knight. What are your names?"

"Max and Laura Marel," they say together. (Sometimes twins understand what the other is thinking. Sometimes they speak together.)

"Hmmm... Marel...? Is your father the famous historian, Stephen Marel?"

1. cans :



2. tie :





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"No. He's our uncle, not our father. He's on holiday with us in Stonecross. Do you know him?"

The man doesn't answer Max's question. "I see, Stephen Marel is here in Stonecross. Very interesting. And tell me, what is he studying at the moment?"

"Oh, a really old book about mysteries and secret..."

"Sorry, Mr Knight, but it's very late. We must go home and have lunch." Laura stops him, "Come on Max, it's time to go."

"Can we meet tomorrow?" says Martin Knight, "You can tell me about your uncle's old book."

"OK!" says Max.

"Come on Max!" says Laura and the twins go back along the road.

"Sorry, Max, but I don't like that man," explains Laura, "He wants to know about Uncle Stephen and his books."

"But Uncle Stephen is very famous. Lots of people want to know about him."

"I know, but this man is different. I can't explain why."

"Not everyone is strange in Stonecross. Think of Mrs Black. She's a nice, normal woman."

"Yes, you're right. Sorry. But now it's quarter to one and we must go home."



## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

### 1 CHARACTERS

In Chapter Four who says...?

Write M for Max, L for Laura, S for the shopkeeper and K for Martin Knight to show who says these words.

- a. ☐ What do you want?
- b. ☐ Tourists don't usually come to Stonecross.
- c. ☐ Are you having a nice time?
- d. ☐ He's our uncle, not our father.
- e. ☐ Do you know him?
- f. ☐ What is he studying at the moment?
- g. ☐ We must go home and have lunch.
- h. ☐ Can we meet tomorrow?
- i. ☐ I don't like that man.
- j. ☐ She's a nice, normal woman.

### 2 VOCABULARY: SHOPPING

Let's go shopping! What do you buy in each shop? Write the words in the box under the correct shop. Some words can go under more than one shop.

bananas beach balls bread cakes chicken  
dolls envelopes magazines newspapers peaches  
postcards rolls sausages stamps steaks  
sweets teddy bears tomatoes

newsagent's greengrocer's baker's post office toy shop butcher's

.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....







### 3 LISTENING

At the newsagent's.

Listen to Max and Laura talking to the newsagent. For questions 1-5 tick (✓) A, B, or C.

- |   |   |   |                          |                       |
|---|---|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Max and Laura want to buy some            | A | <input type="checkbox"/> | stamps.               |
|   |   | B | <input type="checkbox"/> | postcards.            |
|   |   | C | <input type="checkbox"/> | stamps and postcards. |
| 2 | One postcard costs                        | A | <input type="checkbox"/> | 20p.                  |
|   |   | B | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12p.                  |
|   |   | C | <input type="checkbox"/> | 22p.                  |
| 3 | One stamp costs                           | A | <input type="checkbox"/> | 32p.                  |
|   |   | B | <input type="checkbox"/> | 22p.                  |
|   |   | C | <input type="checkbox"/> | 44p.                  |
| 4 | Max is not very good at                   | A | <input type="checkbox"/> | maths.                |
|   |   | B | <input type="checkbox"/> | English.              |
|   |   | C | <input type="checkbox"/> | history.              |
| 5 | How much do Max and Laura spend in total? | A | <input type="checkbox"/> | £1.46                 |
|   |   | B | <input type="checkbox"/> | £2.36                 |
|   |   | C | <input type="checkbox"/> | £1.26                 |



### 4 SPEAKING

How much does it cost?

Listen to how we say these prices.

30p	55p	£1.00	£2.50	£4.15
£5.00	£6.30	£7.99	£8.82	£12.00

Say these prices in English.

20p	45p	70p	£1.60	£2.00
£3.50	£4.99	£5.25	£11.70	£14.40




Now listen and check your answers.



# A visit to Stonehenge

W

hen the twins get home everyone is waiting for them. Mrs Black is there too. "What do you think of our little village?" she asks. 

"The village is lovely, but some of the people are strange," replies Laura.

Mrs Black laughs. "I know, I know. Don't worry about the people. They don't see many tourists. Not many people come to Stonecross."

"Are you ready to go to Stonehenge this afternoon?" asks Aunty Barbara.

## A visit to STONEHENGE

Mrs Black says, "Ah, you're going to Stonehenge. It's nothing special. A circle of old stones. That's all."

Stonehenge is near the village of Stonecross. They take the cars and in twenty minutes they are there. Laura suddenly shouts, "Look, there it is! There it is!" And down in the valley<sup>1</sup> they see Mrs Black's "circle of old stones".

"It's spectacular," says Uncle Stephen.

"It's incredible," says Mum.

"It's magnificent," says Aunty Barbara.

"Wow!" says Laura.

"It's not very big!" says Max.

"Shut up Max!" says everyone.

"Andrew, what do you think? Do you like Stonehenge?"

Andrew...?"

Dad doesn't answer. He is sleeping in the car.

"Andrew! Wake up now!" This time Mum is very angry.

Around the stones there is a fence.<sup>2</sup> People can't touch them but they can go very near and take photographs.

"Let's get an audio-guide," suggests Mum, "You listen and it tells you the story of Stonehenge."

1. valley : 山谷。



2. fence : 篱笆。





## The Secret of the Stones

Everyone gets an audio-guide and they start to walk around the enormous stone circle. Uncle Stephen walks in the opposite direction and looks at his old book of mysteries. He reads something and then looks at the stones. Then he walks away. He looks at the hills and the trees near the stones. "Hmmm... three hills around the stones... yes... it is a type of triangle," he says to himself. Then he looks at the stones again. Uncle Stephen is thinking.

Half an hour later the others return.



## A visit to STONEHENGE

"Stonehenge is fantastic," they say, but Uncle Stephen is not listening. He is reading his book again and looking at the stones and the hills around them.

"Time for something to drink," says Mum. They all walk to the small café near the tourist shop. "Come on Stephen. Are you coming with us?"

Finally Uncle Stephen puts his book in his bag and follows the others.



## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1

Choose the correct answer (A, B or C). There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 Mrs Black says the people of Stonecross are strange because
- A ☒ they don't meet many tourists.  
B ☐ the village is full of strange shops.  
C ☐ they don't like Laura and Max.
- 1 Stonehenge is
- A ☐ far from Stonecross.  
B ☐ near Stonecross.  
C ☐ in Stonecross.
- 2 Mum is angry because
- A ☐ Dad doesn't like Stonehenge.  
B ☐ Dad is sleeping.  
C ☐ Stonehenge isn't very big.
- 3 Uncle Stephen
- A ☐ goes with the others.  
B ☐ stays in the car.  
C ☐ walks alone.
- 4 Uncle Stephen is looking around because
- A ☐ he likes the view.  
B ☐ he wants to understand the mystery.  
C ☐ he isn't interested in the stones.
- 5 Finally they decide to
- A ☐ buy something to drink.  
B ☐ buy a guide book.  
C ☐ buy some postcards.



# Stonehenge



10 Stonehenge is a very old monument in the South of England. We don't know exactly what it is. Is it a temple? Is it an astronomical observatory? Is it from the times of Merlin and King Arthur?

## STONEHENGE FACT-FILE

**Where:** It is near Salisbury in the South of England.

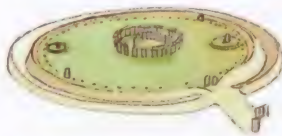
**When:** No one knows exactly, but there are three construction periods:



1. In 3,000 BC there is a circular ditch with a diameter of around 100 metres.



2. In 2,500 BC there is the original monument. It is made of wood.



3. Between 2,500 and 1,500 BC people build the stone monument.

**Who:** There are lots of interesting theories – druids, people from Atlantis, Merlin the magician, aliens – probably primitive British people are the architects.

**Why:** No one knows but here are some ideas...

- Perhaps people use Stonehenge to study the sky. They want to see the changes in the sun, the moon and the stars. With this information they can understand the seasons and the weather.
- Perhaps Stonehenge is an enormous calendar, an observatory, or a computer.
- Perhaps it is a magic temple to an ancient god... or the tomb of an important king.

**How:** This is a mystery too. The stones are very big and they are very heavy. Some stones are bluestones from the Preseli Mountains in South Wales, 385 kilometres away. No one knows how the people moved them.

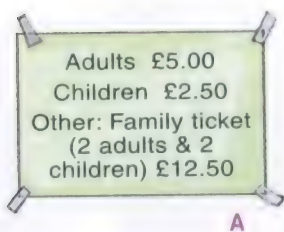


1 Are these sentences true or false? Tick (✓) the correct box.  
Correct the false ones.

- |   | T                        | F                        |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Stonehenge is in Salisbury.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 No one knows the exact construction date of Stonehenge. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Merlin is a British architect.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Perhaps Stonehenge is a primitive computer.             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 The stones are not light.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 All the stones come from Wales.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 Which notice (A-H) says this (1-5)?

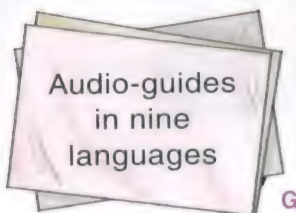
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|---|--------------------------|--|
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | You can't visit Stonehenge at Christmas. |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is a special price for families.   |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | You can eat at Stonehenge.               |
| 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Information is not only in English.      |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stonehenge closes at different times.    |



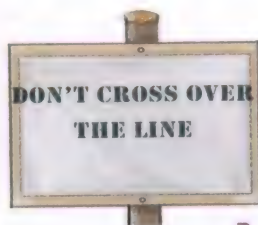
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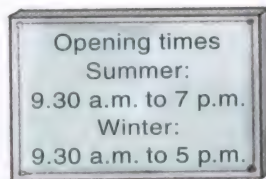
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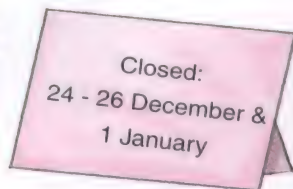
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H



# BEFORE YOU READ

## 1 VOCABULARY

Do you know these words? Write the words from the box under each picture.

pin   drawer  
jewellery   thief  
diamond ring  
brooch   key



A. ....



B. ....



C. ....



D. ....



E. ....



F. ....



G. ....



# A thief



he family finally gets back to the cottage. Everyone is very happy but they are also tired. 🎧

The sun is shining and everything seems in perfect order. They park the cars and go to the cottage.

"That's strange," says Dad, "I can't move the key. I can't open the door."

"Let's try the other door," Mum says.

They walk to the small door at the back of the cottage. Suddenly everyone stops. The door is open!

"Impossible!" says Laura, "Only Mrs Black has got a key."

Mum and Aunt Barbara scream.<sup>1</sup> "Thieves!" they say.

1. scream : 尖叫。

# The Secret of the Stones

Inside the cottage there is chaos.<sup>1</sup> The cupboards are empty, the drawers are open and things are on the floor.

"Our money!" says Dad.

"My jewellery!" says Mum.

Uncle Stephen says, "What's missing?<sup>2</sup> We must phone the police."

They look in all the rooms but nothing is missing!

"Look, our money is here. The thief doesn't want money!" says Dad happily.

"And look, my jewellery is here. He doesn't want my diamond ring," says Mum.

"So why? What is interesting for a thief here?" asks Max.

Uncle Stephen's face is very serious. "I think I know the answer to that question. This is what the thief wants," he says, and takes the book of mysteries from his bag.

"That old book! But why?" asks Max.

"I am studying the mystery of Stonehenge. Some people think that it is an ancient computer," Uncle Stephen explains.

"I don't understand," says Laura.

"Ancient people understand lots of things that we don't understand now. Things about the stars, about energy, mathematics and communication! We think that Stonehenge is an enormous computer. It connects information to other ancient computers round the world."

"Like the pyramids?" says Laura excitedly.

"Exactly... perhaps these computers communicate with spacemen too."

1. chaos : 混乱。

2. missing : 失去。





## The Secret of the Stones

"Wow!" says Max.

Uncle Stephen continues, "My old book of mysteries has a secret code, but there is a symbol I don't understand. I want to understand the symbol because I want to understand Stonehenge. This computer can be very dangerous because bad people can use the information. We must protect the book. Do you understand?"

"Yes," they all reply.

"Now, let's tidy<sup>1</sup> the house. Everyone must keep their eyes and ears open."

"Yes," they all reply.

The twins are tidying the house. Suddenly Laura stops and says, "Max, look... What do you think this is?" She gives her brother a small silver object. It is round with a triangle and a strange cross in the middle.

"It's got a pin at the back. It's a brooch."

"Yes, perhaps it belongs to<sup>2</sup> the thief. Let's give it to Uncle Stephen."

They tell their uncle the story and he looks at the small object. He puts it in his desk and his face is serious. He doesn't say anything.

Max and Laura go into the living room.

"There's something strange about that object Laura," says Max, "I know that symbol..."

"Yes," says Laura, "Me too. I recognise it, but where from?"

1. tidy : 整理。

2. belongs to : 属于。





## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

**1** Are sentences 1-8 "Right" (A) or "Wrong" (B)? If there is not enough information to answer "Right" (A) or "Wrong" (B), choose "Doesn't say" (C). There is an example at the beginning (0).

**0** When they arrive home everything is in perfect order.

**A** ☐ Right

**B** ☒ Wrong

**C** ☐ Doesn't say

**1** They can't open the front door because they do not have the key.

**A** ☐ Right

**B** ☐ Wrong

**C** ☐ Doesn't say

**2** Mrs Black is the only other person with a key.

**A** ☐ Right

**B** ☐ Wrong

**C** ☐ Doesn't say

**3** Nothing is missing.

**A** ☐ Right

**B** ☐ Wrong

**C** ☐ Doesn't say

**4** The thief doesn't like jewellery.

**A** ☐ Right

**B** ☐ Wrong

**C** ☐ Doesn't say

**5** Uncle Stephen thinks Stonehenge is an ancient computer.

**A** ☐ Right

**B** ☐ Wrong

**C** ☐ Doesn't say

**6** Max and Laura are very afraid.

**A** ☐ Right

**B** ☐ Wrong

**C** ☐ Doesn't say

**7** The old book is not very important.

**A** ☐ Right

**B** ☐ Wrong

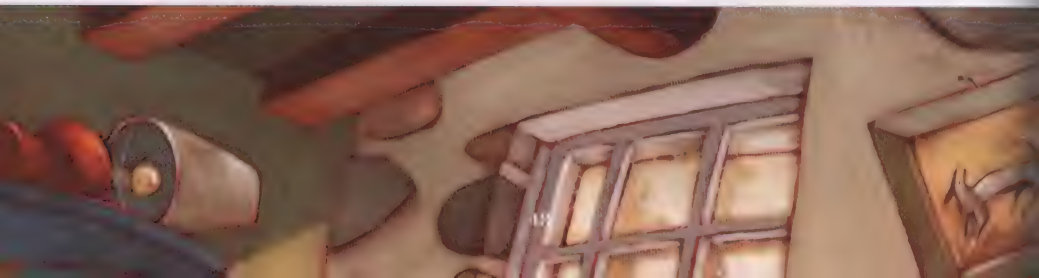
**C** ☐ Doesn't say

**8** Max finds a silver object.

**A** ☐ Right

**B** ☐ Wrong

**C** ☐ Doesn't say



2

**SUMMARY**

What happens first? Put these sentences into the correct order. The first one is done for you.

- a. ☐ Laura finds a silver object.
- b. ☐ They try to remember something about the symbol.
- c. ☐ Max and Laura show Uncle Stephen the object.
- d. ☐ They think there are thieves.
- e. ☐ Everyone starts to tidy the house.
- f. ☒ 1 Everyone comes home from Stonehenge.
- g. ☐ Uncle Stephen tells them about the ancient book.

3

**VOCABULARY**

Look again at the start of Chapter Six. Find words that have similar meanings to the words below.

- a. arrives (2 words) .....
- b. small house .....
- c. not normal/unusual .....
- d. shout loudly because you are afraid .....
- e. not full .....
- f. rings/necklaces etc. ....

Now use the words to complete these sentences.

1. When I see a mouse I usually .....
2. This bottle of water is ..... There's nothing in it.
3. The princess has lots of beautiful .....
4. We live in a small ..... in the country.
5. Look at that man in the orange and pink hat. He's very .....
6. We don't want to ..... to the hotel late. We must get up early tomorrow.

## BEFORE YOU READ

### 1 VOCABULARY: SLEEPING

Write the correct word from the box under each picture.

dream      sleep      snore      get up  
wake up      daydream      sleepwalk



A. ....



B. ....



C. ....



D. ....



E. ....

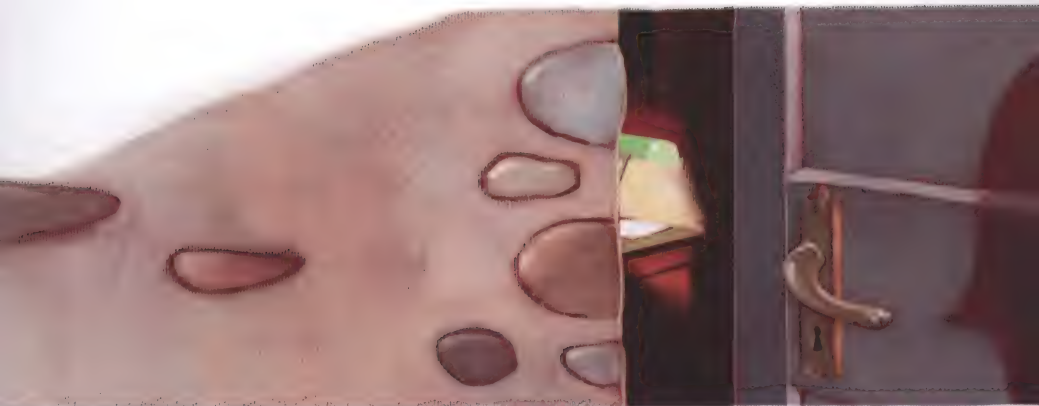


F. ....



G. ....





# A noisy night



At seven o'clock Mrs Black arrives. She helps cook the dinner and listens to the story. 🎧

"Terrible," she says, "Every summer there are thieves in Stonecross. They know there are lots of tourists, you see."

"But you say that tourists don't come here," answers Laura.

"Ahh... yes... err, well, it depends. Some summers there are a lot, some summers there aren't a lot."

Suddenly a telephone rings. It is Mrs Black's mobile phone. "Excuse me," she says and smiles at everyone. She goes to the hall and speaks in a soft voice, "Yes... yes... OK... Don't worry. Everything's alright... I don't know... Perhaps tonight, perhaps tomorrow night... OK, bye."

## The Secret of the Stones

“My son,” she explains, “He’s twenty-seven and he doesn’t know how to cook! Can you believe it?”

Mum laughs. “I’m sure he prefers your wonderful cooking!”

Later that evening everyone is playing cards together. Mum is winning: she always wins. Mrs Black says, “Who wants a nice cup of hot chocolate?” (During the evening and at night it is cold in the house.)

They say, “Yes please, Mrs Black!” But Laura says, “No, thank you.” The housekeeper seems offended. “Why not?” she asks angrily, “Hot chocolate helps you sleep.”

“I can sleep with no problems, thank you,” replies Laura. Mrs Black is not very happy but goes to the kitchen to make hot chocolate for the others. It is creamy, chocolatey and delicious.

“This is wonderful, Mrs Black. What is the special ingredient? <sup>1</sup> Do you have a secret recipe?” <sup>2</sup> asks Mum.

“It’s my Grandmother’s secret recipe,” she says and laughs. She says goodnight and goes home. Soon, everyone is very sleepy and goes to bed. Only Laura isn’t tired.

It is the middle of the night. Outside, the sky is full of stars but there is no moon. Everyone is sleeping. Mum is dreaming and Dad is snoring. Suddenly Laura sits up in her bed. There is a noise. Someone is downstairs! She relaxes. It is probably her father. He sometimes gets up and sleepwalks... But no... She can hear her father. He is snoring in his bedroom.

1. **ingredient** : 原料。

2. **recipe** : 食谱。

## A NOISY night

She gets up very quietly. Yes, there is someone. The noise is in the study. She goes downstairs. She is very quiet. When she is outside the study she stops and listens. She hears the sound of paper.

"I must be brave,"<sup>1</sup> she says and pushes the door open quietly.

"Stop thief!" she shouts, but to her surprise she sees Mrs Black. She is sitting at Uncle Stephen's desk reading his notebooks.

"Oh... Mrs Black... it's you," says Laura.

"Err... Hello Laura... I can't find my car keys. Perhaps they are here. I don't want to disturb everyone."

"Oh alright," says Laura, but then... she remembers... Mrs Black hasn't got a car!

At that moment Dad and Uncle Stephen arrive. They think there is another thief. Dad smiles and laughs. "Phew! It's Mrs Black. Hello, Mrs Black, you're working late tonight."

Uncle Stephen doesn't laugh. "What are you doing in my study, Mrs Black?" he asks.

She tells him the story of the car keys. Uncle Stephen replies, "Tomorrow we can all look for the keys together. Now it's time to sleep. Goodnight Mrs Black." He opens the door and the housekeeper goes out. She doesn't look at Uncle Stephen when she says, "Goodnight, everyone."

1. brave : 勇敢。







## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1

### SUMMARY

Read the paragraph about Chapter Seven. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space (1-10). There is an example at the beginning (0).

Everybody has dinner 0 C ..... seven o'clock and they 1 ..... Mrs Black the story of 2 ..... thieves. She says it's 3 ..... and makes them all a cup of hot chocolate to help them 4 ..... Later when everybody is in bed Laura 5 ..... a noise. She goes downstairs and sees Mrs Black 6 ..... the study. She is 7 ..... Uncle Stephen's notebook. Mrs Black says she can't find 8 ..... car keys, 9 ..... Laura knows she hasn't got a car. Finally Uncle Stephen and Dad 10 ..... and everything is OK.

- |                     |                   |                  |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 0 <b>A</b> in       | <b>B</b> on       | <b>C</b> at      |
| 1 <b>A</b> tell     | <b>B</b> talk     | <b>C</b> say     |
| 2 <b>A</b> the      | <b>B</b> a        | <b>C</b> one     |
| 3 <b>A</b> good     | <b>B</b> terrible | <b>C</b> nice    |
| 4 <b>A</b> dream    | <b>B</b> snore    | <b>C</b> sleep   |
| 5 <b>A</b> hears    | <b>B</b> here's   | <b>C</b> hear    |
| 6 <b>A</b> in       | <b>B</b> by       | <b>C</b> at      |
| 7 <b>A</b> watching | <b>B</b> eating   | <b>C</b> reading |
| 8 <b>A</b> his      | <b>B</b> her      | <b>C</b> your    |
| 9 <b>A</b> but      | <b>B</b> now      | <b>C</b> and     |
| 10 <b>A</b> stop    | <b>B</b> go       | <b>C</b> arrive  |

2

### CHARACTERS

Answer these questions about Chapter Seven. Who...?

- doesn't know how to cook? .....
- is good at playing cards? .....
- doesn't want hot chocolate? .....
- has a secret recipe? .....
- snORES? .....
- can't find the car keys? .....
- is not happy to see Mrs Black in the study? .....



3

## GRAMMAR: POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

I am English. **My** name is Laura.

Complete the table.

Subject pronouns (主语代词)	Possessive adjectives (物主形容词)
I	my
.....	your
he	.....
.....	her
it	.....
.....	our
you	.....
.....	their

4

Complete the sentences. Use the words from the box. Use each word only once.

my    your    his    her    our    their

- Look! That's ..... brother. .... name is Max.
- The Marel family live in London. .... house is very big.
- What's ..... favourite colour, Laura?
- This is Aunt Barbara. .... husband is a historian.
- ..... cottage is very nice. We like it.

5

## SPEAKING

Topic – Personal information

Ask and answer questions about these things.

sport    TV programme    school subject    book

- "What's your favourite...?"      "My favourite... is..."
- "Why?"      "I like it because..."

## BEFORE YOU READ

**1** Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

- a. does from Where come Laura? .....
- b. now is Where she? .....
- c. got sisters any she brothers Has or? .....
- d. is with Who on Max holiday? .....
- e. Laura in does night What hear the? .....
- f. chocolate Why want she doesn't Mrs Black's hot? .....

Ask and answer the questions.

## **2** VOCABULARY

The words in column A are from Chapter Eight. Match them to their opposites in column B.

### A

- 1. ☐ laugh
- 2. ☐ remember
- 3. ☐ strange
- 4. ☐ funny
- 5. ☐ question
- 6. ☐ dark

### B

- a. answer
- b. light
- c. forget
- d. cry
- e. serious
- f. normal

## **3** LISTENING



Listen to the beginning of Chapter Eight. Complete the sentences with the words you hear.

- a. Mrs Black's son has got the car .....
- b. Mum and Dad go walking on ..... afternoon.
- c. Dad wants to .....
- d. Uncle Stephen is sometimes very .....
- e. Everyone says .....to the twins.



# Now I remember!



or two or three days everything is normal and everyone is happy. Mrs Black says her son has got the car keys and they aren't lost after all. Laura looks at Mrs Black but decides not to say anything.



On Wednesday afternoon Mum and Dad go walking. Dad wants to sleep but Mum says, "No, Andrew. You can't sleep all holiday!"

"Alright!" he replies, but he is not very happy. "What about you Stephen? Come with us!"

"No thank you. I must work."

Aunty Barbara laughs and says to Mum, "Sarah, your husband sleeps all the time and my husband works all the time."



## The Secret of the Stones

"Don't laugh, Barbara," replies Uncle Stephen, "My work is very important."

Everyone laughs. Sometimes Uncle Stephen is very funny.

"Hmpf. Today I want to work a lot. Please don't disturb me," he says and goes to the study.

"Can I come with you two?" asks Auntie Barbara.

"Of course!" they reply. They all put on their walking boots <sup>1</sup> and say goodbye to the twins.

END

Max and Laura decide to explore a different part of the village. In the village there is a small hill. It is a strange shape and on the top there is a stone cross.

"The village probably has the name Stonecross because there is a stone cross on the hill," says Laura.

"Very clever, Sherlock," says her brother.

They look up to the cross on the hill. Two people are talking near it. The sun is behind them and the twins can't see very well.

"Who are those two people?" they ask together.

"Mrs Black and Martin Knight. Let's go and listen," says Max.

"No Max!" says Laura, "We mustn't listen to..." Suddenly she stops. Her face is white. "Max... now I remember..."

Max's face is white too. He remembers the same thing. "I know... me too. The symbol!"

"Yes... I know where it comes from..."

"Yes, Mrs Black's earrings. It's the same symbol."

1. boots :





## The Secret of the Stones

“What? I remember it from Martin Knight’s tie.”

“What? This means Mrs Black and Martin Knight know the thief. Perhaps one of them *is* the thief. Do you remember Mrs Black reading Uncle Stephen’s notebook? Do you remember Martin Knight’s questions? What can we do?”

“Come on, Laura, follow me,” says Max. They start to go up the hill but Mrs Black and Martin Knight aren’t there.

“We’re too late! Where are they now?” says Laura.

“I don’t know,” answers Max, “Come on. Let’s go home and tell Uncle Stephen what we know.”

They start to walk home but on the hill two dark shadows<sup>1</sup> are watching them from behind the stone cross.



1. shadows : 影子。





## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

**1** Choose the correct answer (A, B or C). There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 Aunt Barbara      **A** ☐ is worried about her husband.  
                             **B** ☐ leaves her husband to go to work.  
                             **C** ☒ goes out with Sarah and Andrew.
- 1 The stone cross is      **A** ☐ next to the cottage.  
                                 **B** ☐ near the river.  
                                 **C** ☐ on top of a hill.
- 2 Laura suddenly stops speaking because  
                                 **A** ☐ she remembers something important.  
                                 **B** ☐ she doesn't know what to say.  
                                 **C** ☐ her brother wants to speak.
- 3 Mrs Black's earrings  
                                 **A** ☐ are similar to Aunt Barbara's earrings.  
                                 **B** ☐ have the same symbol as the brooch.  
                                 **C** ☐ are silver and very nice.
- 4 The symbol on Martin Knight's tie probably means that he  
                                 **A** ☐ knows the thief.  
                                 **B** ☐ likes Mrs Black's earrings.  
                                 **C** ☐ is a historian.
- 5 Martin Knight and Mrs Black  
                                 **A** ☐ phone the cottage.  
                                 **B** ☐ follow the twins.  
                                 **C** ☐ hide behind the cross and watch the twins.

2

## FAMOUS DETECTIVES



There are lots of famous detectives in books and films. Sometimes the detectives are children (like in the story of Max and Laura). Read and listen to the passage and answer the questions.

### The Famous Five by Enid Blyton

The Famous Five are a group of child detectives... really four children and a dog. Three of the children, Julian, Dick and Anne, are brothers and sister. During their holidays they usually go to stay with their aunt, uncle and cousin Georgina. Georgina prefers the name "George" and has a dog called Timmy. The five always have adventures and solve mysteries.



### Miss Marple by Agatha Christie

Another famous detective is an old lady with white hair! Her name is Miss Marple. She is about 70 and she is not married. She lives in a very small village in England (like Stonecross). It is a quiet village but Miss Marple meets lots of people there: a postman, a village policeman, a hairdresser... She talks to these people and listens to their stories. She discovers lots of information about crime.



- Can you think of a famous detective from your country?
- How many famous detectives (in books, on TV or in films) do you know?
- Which country do they come from?

3

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?


Laura and Max want to be detectives. Laura loves reading detective stories. Max prefers to watch detective films.

- Do you prefer to watch films or read books? Why?
- What's your favourite book?
- What's your favourite film?
- Do you prefer to go to the cinema or watch a video or DVD at home?



# Uncle Stephen understands



Uncle Stephen is happy. Finally he can work in peace. He makes a cup of tea and goes into his study. On his desk there is the old book of mysteries and the silver brooch with the strange symbol. He takes the brooch in his hand and looks at it. He knows it is part of the mystery. But how? The circle is similar to Stonehenge, the triangle is similar to the hills around it. But what does the cross mean? Uncle Stephen recognises the symbol, but where from? 



## The Secret of the Stones

He drinks some more tea. He thinks. He looks out of the window. From the window he can see the strange hill in the village and the strange stone cross on the top of it... "Wait a minute," he thinks, "The strange stone cross!" He looks at the brooch... Yes, it's the same. He quickly turns to a page in his old book of mysteries. He reads something and shouts, "Yes! Now I understand. Now I understand... I must telephone Professor Johnson in London."

He takes the phone and calls the number. "Hello, Professor, it's Stephen Marel here. ... Listen, we must meet. Can I bring the book to you in London? It's not safe here... There's a train at 5 o'clock this evening. It gets to London at 7 o'clock... Yes! See you at the station... Goodbye, and thank you."

He puts the phone down and picks up his cup of tea.

"I'm sure that tea's cold now," says a cold voice behind him. He turns quickly and sees the shadow of Mrs Black in the door.

"What are you doing here?" he asks angrily, "You don't work today. What do you want?"

Mrs Black's earrings shine in the sun.

"You know what I want, Marel," she says, "Give me that book!"



## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

**1** Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

1. happy Stephen Why is Uncle? .....
2. does leave When train the? .....
3. live Where Johnson does Professor? .....
4. Why cross the important stone is? .....
5. the Stonecross to long is journey London from How? .....
6. Mrs want What does Black? .....

Now choose the correct answer to each of the questions above.

- a. ☐ the book
- b. ☐ two hours
- c. ☐ at five o'clock
- d. ☐ because he can work in peace
- e. ☐ in London
- f. ☐ because it has the same symbol as the brooch

## **2** LISTENING

A phone call to London

Read these sentences. Put them in order to make the telephone conversation between Uncle Stephen and Professor Johnson. Who says each sentence? Put "US" for Uncle Stephen and "PJ" for Professor Johnson.

1. ☐ d    2. ☐    3. ☐    4. ☐    5. ☐    6. ☐    7. ☐  
8. ☐    9. ☐    10. ☐    11. ☐    12. ☐    13. ☐

- a. US Listen, We must meet. Can I bring the book to you in London?
- b. \_\_ Goodbye and thank you.
- c. \_\_ Ah, morning Marel how are you?
- d. \_\_ Hello Professor, it's Stephen Marel here.
- e. \_\_ There's a train at 5 o'clock this evening. It gets to London at 7 o'clock.
- f. \_\_ Yes, but why?



- g. \_\_ \_ Alright Marel, goodbye.
- h. \_\_ \_ It's not safe here.
- i. \_\_ \_ I understand. What time can you arrive in London?
- j. \_\_ \_ Yes, see you at the station.
- k. \_\_ \_ Fine, thanks.
- l. \_\_ \_ Not bad, thank you Professor. And you?
- m. \_\_ \_ Hmmm. 7 o'clock this evening. Alright. See you at the station.



Now listen and check your answers.

## BEFORE YOU READ

1

### VOCABULARY

Do you know these words? Write the words from the box under the correct picture. Use your dictionary to help you.

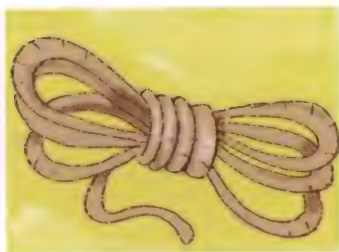
apron    handcuffs    rolling pin    rope



A. ....



B. ....



C. ....



D. ....



# A doctor's visit

**M**

ax and Laura play near a river for some time but later go back to the cottage. Everything is quiet. They don't have a key so they knock on the door. Nobody answers. They knock again and Mrs Black answers the door. She is wearing an apron and she has a rolling pin in her hand.

She says, "Hello children. I'm making a delicious chocolate cake for lunch. Your Uncle Stephen doesn't feel very well. Your parents aren't here, and I want to help."

"What do you mean? Uncle Stephen's fine," says Max.

"He has a headache and a temperature," Mrs Black replies, "He works too hard."



## A DOCTOR'S visit

This is very strange. Uncle Stephen is never ill. Max and Laura don't believe the housekeeper.

"I want to talk to my uncle," says Laura.

"Me too," says Max.

Mrs Black is a big woman. She stands in the door and the twins can't pass.

"It's not a good idea," she tells them, "Your uncle is upstairs. He's resting."

"I want to see my uncle! Now!" repeats Laura.

"You can't see him. There is a doctor with him now," Mrs Black shouts.

Laura pushes the woman and she falls to the floor. Max runs past her too. They go to the study but their uncle is not there. They run upstairs. "Uncle Stephen! Are you alright?" shouts Laura but there is no answer.

Max opens the bedroom door. Uncle Stephen is lying on the bed. He cannot move his arms or legs because there is a rope around them. There is a big bump<sup>1</sup> on his head and his eyes are closed.

"Is he dead?" asks Laura in a frightened voice.

"No, he's sleeping," Max replies, "Look he's breathing."

"Yes, he's sleeping," says a familiar voice. They look up and see a man in the room.

"Martin Knight!" they say together.

"Oh yes," he laughs, "Your uncle is sleeping... Now we can take his book and discover the secret of the stones. Now no one can stop us... especially two stupid children."

1. bump :





## The Secret of the Stones

At that moment Mrs Black arrives. "I see you know my son," she says. She is holding the rolling pin. Suddenly Max understands what she wants to do.

"Quick, Laura!" He pushes his sister to the floor. The rolling pin misses Laura's head. Max jumps up. He tries to take the rolling pin from Mrs Black. Laura gets up and starts to run away. Martin Knight tries to stop her but she is very fast.

Suddenly outside they hear the sound of a siren<sup>1</sup>. It is a police car.

"Quick, the police!" shouts Martin. He and Mrs Black run. When they arrive at the door there are two policemen waiting for them. They put handcuffs on the two criminals and push them into the police van. Laura telephones for an ambulance<sup>2</sup> for Uncle Stephen.

Max speaks to the policemen. "Thank you," he says, "but I don't understand... why...?" He stops. Under a tree in the garden he sees an old man. "Mr Carter!"

Mr Carter comes and talks to Max. "Remember boy, you must tell me your problems," he says, "I know these people, I know this place... I know when there's a problem!"

"Thank you!" says Max.

"You're welcome." The old man smiles, "Now... how about a nice cup of tea?"

1. siren : 警笛。

2. ambulance : 救护车。



POLICE

POLICE

## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

**1** Are sentences 1-10 "Right" (A) or "Wrong" (B)? If there is not enough information to answer "Right" (A) or "Wrong" (B), choose "Doesn't say" (C).

- 0 Max and Laura play near the sea.  
A ☐ Right      B ☒ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 1 Mrs Black is the only person in the cottage when Max and Laura arrive.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 2 Uncle Stephen is often ill.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 3 Laura pushes Mrs Black.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 4 Uncle Stephen is wearing his pyjamas.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 5 Martin Knight is Mrs Black's doctor.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 6 Martin Knight knows the secret to Stonehenge.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 7 Mrs Black wants to hit Max.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 8 Martin Knight can run very quickly.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 9 The police stop the criminals.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say
- 10 Mr Carter is a policeman.  
A ☐ Right      B ☐ Wrong      C ☐ Doesn't say



## VOCABULARY

Can you remember these words from Chapter Ten? Complete the sentences.

- a. Police cars have one of these. It makes a loud sound.
- b. You use a rolling ..... to cook.
- c. You use this to tie something.
- d. Outside the cottage is the .....
- e. English people's favourite drink.
- f. Doctors use this vehicle when they take people to hospital.
- g. Hot ..... is a delicious drink.
- h. Martin Knight is Mrs Black's .....
- i. A ..... does not respect the law.
- j. The police use these when they arrest criminals.
- k. This helps protect your clothes when you are cooking.
- l. Uncle Stephen has a ..... on his head.
- m. Andrew and Sarah are Max and Laura's .....


Now find the words in the word square.

A	B	P	A	R	E	N	T	S	C
C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	T
W	A	M	B	U	L	A	N	C	E
E	N	S	H	F	G	E	D	R	A
B	D	O	I	J	A	H	K	I	G
D	C	N	S	L	R	O	A	M	R
B	U	M	P	P	D	L	P	I	O
Q	F	P	I	O	E	F	R	N	P
R	F	S	N	M	N	L	O	A	E
U	S	I	R	E	N	V	N	L	X



# The secret of the stones



he next day everyone is at the hospital. Uncle Stephen is in bed. The doctor says that there is only one problem: the big bump on Uncle Stephen's head. 

Uncle Stephen opens his eyes. "Hello Barbara, what day is it?"

"It's Thursday, darling."

"Oh, hello Andrew, hello everyone. What are you doing here? Don't you have school today, children?"

"It's the summer holiday," Laura replies.

## THE SECRET of the Stones

"We're in Stonecross, remember?" says Max.

"Stonecross? Holiday? No I don't remember. We're in London... I think..."

Uncle Stephen doesn't remember. He doesn't remember about the holiday, about Mrs Black and Martin Knight and, most important of all... he doesn't remember about the secret of the stones.

"You remember the symbol, the brooch, the old book of mysteries...?" they ask him. He smiles and says, "No. Sorry!"

A policeman arrives. He tells them that the two criminals, Martin Smith and his mother, Dorothy Smith, are part of a secret organisation. "The name of the organisation is the Black Knights," he says, "They want to find the secret of Stonehenge and use the secret to become rich and powerful. Mr Marel is the only person who knows the secret and..."

"But I don't know the secret!" says Uncle Stephen, "I'm sorry everyone, but I can't remember."

"Perhaps it's the best thing," says Aunt Barbara, "The stones can keep their 5,000-year-old secret. It's not right to take it from them now."

Everyone agrees.

"Perhaps we can find another secret next holiday," say Max and Laura together.

"Perhaps next holiday I can stay in London," says Uncle Stephen. He rubs the bump on his head.



## The Secret of the Stones

Poor Uncle Stephen. Everybody laughs.

"No more adventures this summer...", says Max.

"But perhaps at Christmas...", says Laura.

Who knows?



## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

**1** Answer the following questions about Chapter Eleven.

- a. Where is everyone?
- b. Why doesn't Uncle Stephen remember anything?
- c. What is Mrs Black's real name?
- d. Who are the "The Black Knights"?
- e. What does Aunt Barbara think about the secret?
- f. Who wants to stay in London next holiday?
- g. What does Laura want to happen at Christmas?

## **2** LISTENING



You will hear a policeman talking to Laura.

Listen to the conversation and complete the policeman's notes about the interview.

### POLICE INTERVIEW NOTES

Day: **1** .....

Time: **2** .....

Name: ..... Laura Marel .....

From: **3** .....

Age: **4** .....

Brothers or sisters: **5** .....

Woman in photo: **6** .....

Man in photo: **7** .....

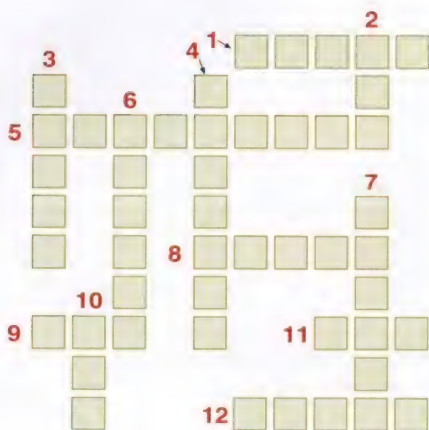
Extra information: **8** .....

3

## CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

1. Laura hears a ..... in the night.
5. Uncle Stephen is a .....
8. Everyone listens to an .....-guide at Stonehenge.
9. Laura doesn't want Mrs Black's ..... chocolate.
11. Mr Knight has a strange design on his .....
12. Professor Johnson ..... in London.



## DOWN

2. Mr Knight is Mrs Black's .....
3. This person steals things.
4. The Marel family stay in a ..... in Stonecross during the summer.
6. No one knows the ..... of Stonehenge.
7. Mr Carter phones the .....
10. Uncle Stephen's book is very .....



## 1 PROJECT ON THE WEB

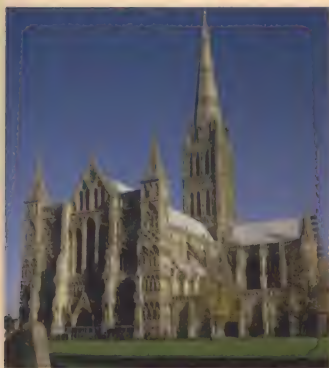
**Tourists!**

**Answer these questions.**

- Where do you live?
- What can tourists see and do in your town or city?
- Think of two important places for tourists in your country. Why are these places important?

## 2 Make a tourist guide or poster for your town or city.

- Find or draw a map of your town.
- Indicate the monuments and interesting places for tourists on the map.
- Use books or the Internet to find some information about these places (dates, history, famous people etc.). Write the name of the town and then the monument or person in the search engine, e.g. *Rome coliseum*.
- Find postcards or draw pictures of the places you like in your town.
- Put all the information on a big poster on the wall or make a tourist guide.



## Salisbury

I live in Salisbury, in the south west of England.

Most tourists come to Salisbury to see Stonehenge, but there is also a very important cathedral...



# EXIT TEST 1

1

## SUMMARY

Read this summary of the story. Choose the best word (A, B, or C) for each space.

The Marel family are going 1..... holiday with Aunty Barbara and Uncle Stephen this year. They are going to 2..... cottage in Stonecross. Stonecross is a village 3..... Salisbury. It is usually very quiet and there are not many tourists. This year it is different. Everyone is interested in Uncle Stephen and 4..... book. In the book there are secret messages and codes. To understand Stonehenge you 5..... understand the book too. Mrs Black and Mr Knight are bad people. They want to steal the book and discover 6..... secret. Max, Laura and Uncle Stephen are 7..... danger, but finally Mr Carter 8..... the police and everything is alright. Now there is only one problem. Uncle Stephen 9..... remember the secret.

1 A in

B to

C on

2 A a

B big

C one

3 A next

B in front

C near

4 A him

B his

C he

5 A do

B must

C have

6 A the

B one

C to

7 A to

B on

C in

8 A phoning

B phone

C phones

9 A can't

B don't

C isn't

2

## CHARACTERS

Choose the correct character from the box. You do not need to use all the characters, but you can use some more than once.

Aunty Barbara	Dad	Laura		
Martin Knight	Max	Mr Carter	Mrs Black	Mum
Professor Johnson	Uncle Stephen			

Who...

- a. finds the brooch? .....
- b. sleeps all the time? .....
- c. doesn't like hot chocolate? .....
- d. wears a strange tie? .....
- e. calls the police .....
- f. speaks to Uncle Stephen on the telephone? .....
- g. is a historian? .....
- h. can't cook? .....
- i. always wins card games? .....
- j. looks at Stonehenge alone? .....

**3 VOCABULARY**

Put these words into the correct column.

apron	boots	brooch	cupboard
desk	drawers	earrings	field
hill	ingredients	pillow	recipe
river	rolling pin	tie	tree

Things for cooking	Things to wear	Things in the house	Things in the country
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....



# EXIT TEST 2

## 1 COMPREHENSION

Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)?

- |  | T                        | F                        |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The twins never have interesting adventures on holiday.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Stonecross is in the middle of a busy street.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Mr Carter has white hair and an angry face.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The twins meet Mr Knight for the first time in the village of Stonecross. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Aunty Barbara does not come to visit Stonehenge.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Laura finds a small silver brooch on the floor of the cottage.            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Mrs Black makes hot tea for everyone.                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Uncle Stephen remembers the secret of the stones and tells the police.    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## 2 WRITING

Complete the postcard Laura and Max write to their friend in London. Write ONE word for each space.

Dear Jack,

Hello! How are you? We <sup>1</sup>..... near Stonehenge with our family <sup>2</sup>..... holiday. The weather <sup>3</sup>..... very sunny and <sup>4</sup>..... little cottage we are staying in <sup>5</sup>..... beautiful. We often go <sup>6</sup>..... the village, but the people there aren't very friendly. Today we are going <sup>7</sup>..... visit Stonehenge. Everyone says it is <sup>8</sup>..... very mysterious place.

See you soon,

Laura and Max.

### 3 VOCABULARY

Use a word from the box to answer the definitions 1-10.

handcuffs   field   witch   twins   tie  
scream   tidy   cottage   boots   suitcase

1. Two people with the same parents who are born at the same time.  
.....
2. A small house in the country. ....
3. A green open space in the country. ....
4. You put your things in this when they go on holiday. ....
5. You put these on your feet when you go for walks in the country.  
.....
6. A woman with magical powers. ....
7. Men sometimes wear this around their necks. ....
8. A loud sound you make because you are afraid. ....
9. When something is clean and put in order. ....
10. Something the police put on criminals to stop them running away.  
.....

### 4 STONEHENGE

Complete the sentences on Stonehenge by using the correct ending (a-g).

1. ☐ Stonehenge is a very old monument
  2. ☐ Stonehenge was built
  3. ☐ Some people believe that Stonehenge
  4. ☐ Other people think
  5. ☐ The stones are very big and very heavy,
  6. ☐ The Preseli Mountains
  7. ☐ No one knows how the people
- a. between 2,500 BC and 1,500 BC.  
b. and some are from the Preseli Mountains in South Wales.  
c. in the South of England.  
d. were able to move the stones.  
e. are 385 kilometres away from Stonehenge.  
f. was used to study the sky and the changes in the sun, the moon and the stars.  
g. that it is a calendar or computer.



### Exercise 3, page 33

Max: Good morning  
Shopkeeper: Morning  
Max: Can I have some stamps, please?  
Laura: And some postcards too, please?  
Shopkeeper: Yes, how many?  
Max: Well... *one postcard for Grandmother, one for Uncle Stephen and Aunt Barbara.*  
Laura: No Max!! Uncle Stephen and Aunt Barbara are on holiday with us.  
Max: Ah yes! So... One postcard for Grandmother, one for James and one for Amanda.  
Shopkeeper: So you want three postcards?  
Max: ...Yes, and three stamps please.  
Shopkeeper: The postcards cost 20p each. The stamps cost 22p.  
Max: I'm not very good at maths. Laura? How much is it?  
Laura: Three postcards are 60p and three stamps are 66p. That's £1.26.  
Shopkeeper: That's right. £1.26 please.  
Max: Here you are. £1.50. Bye.  
Shopkeeper: Thank you. Goodbye... Hey don't forget your change...



### Exercise 2, page 79

DW: Hello. I'm Detective Wood. Can I ask you some questions please?  
Laura: Yes, of course.  
DW: Right... err... Just one moment please... where's my pen?  
Laura: Look. It's on the desk.  
DW: Thank you. Now what day is it today?  
Laura: It's Thursday, it's half past three... Ah yes, and the month is August.  
DW: OK, let's start. What's your name and where do you come from?  
Laura: My name's Laura Marel and I come from London.  
DW: How old are you Laura?  
Laura: I'm thirteen in October.  
DW: Have you got any brothers or sisters?  
Laura: Yes, I've got one brother, Max. He's my twin brother.  
DW: And how old is he?... Ahh... sorry.. stupid question. Now, look at the photo. Do you know this woman? Is it Mrs Black?  
Laura: No! That's my Aunt Barbara!  
DW: Ahh, I see... And what about this man?  
Laura: That's Martin Knight, he's Mrs Black's son.  
DW: Ahhh, Mrs Black's son... Very interesting. Thank you Laura.  
Laura: You're welcome.



# The Secret of the Stones

## KEY TO THE EXERCISES AND EXIT TESTS

### KEY TO THE EXERCISES

#### Chapter One

##### Page 8 – exercise 1

**Things you take:** passports – suitcases – beach towels – swimming costumes – tickets – guide books – maps

**Activities:** sunbathing – sleeping – walking – swimming – sightseeing

**Things you see or places you go to:** beach – mountains – cities – museums – monuments

##### Page 12 – exercise 1

1 B 2 B 3 A 4 C 5 A 6 C

##### Page 13 – exercise 2

1 Stone Cottage, Meadow Road, Stonecross, Wiltshire 2 £550 3 4 4 a museum, an old church and Stonehenge 5 25 miles 6 Cosy Cottages

#### Chapter Two

##### Page 18 – exercise 1

1 e 2 a 3 f 4 b 5 d 6 c

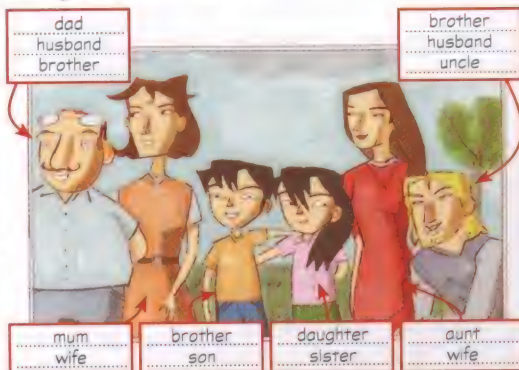
##### Page 18 – exercise 2

1 small 2 middle 3 lots 4 and 5 everyone 6 but 7 wants 8 his 9 important 10 very

##### Page 18 – exercise 3

1 Uncle Stephen 2 Aunty Barbara 3 Andrew 4 Sarah 5 Max 6 Laura

##### Page 19 – exercise 4



### Page 19 – exercise 5

1 e 2 f 3 b 4 d 5 c 6 a

## Chapter Three

### Page 20 – exercise 1

A actor B musician C dentist  
D lifeguard E artist F doctor G chef  
H florist

### Page 20 – exercise 2

1 D 2 E 3 F 4 C 5 H 6 G 7 B  
8 A

### Page 26 – exercise 1

1 A 2 C 3 B 4 C 5 B

### Page 27 – exercise 3

1 sink 2 computer 3 cupboard  
4 window 5 bed 6 armchair  
7 wardrobe 8 shower 9 stairs  
10 desk

## Chapter Four

### Page 32 – exercise 1

a S b S c K d M e M f K g L  
h K i L j M

### Page 32 – exercise 2

**Newsagent's:** sweets – magazines – newspaper  
**Greengrocer's:** peaches – tomatoes – bananas  
**Baker's:** rolls – breads – cakes  
**Post Office:** postcards – stamps – envelopes  
**Toy shop:** teddy bears – beach balls – dolls  
**Butcher's:** steaks – chicken – sausages

### Page 33 – exercise 3

1 C 2 A 3 B 4 A 5 C

## Chapter Five

### Page 38 – exercise 1

1 B 2 B 3 C 4 B 5 A

## Stonehenge

### Page 41 – exercise 1

1 F – it is near Salisbury. 2 T 3 F – he is a magician. 4 T 5 T 6 F – some of the stones come from Wales.

### Page 41 – exercise 2

1 H 2 A 3 E 4 G 5 F

## Chapter Six

### Page 42 – exercise 1

A key B drawer C jewellery D ring  
E brooch F pin G thief

### Page 48 – exercise 1

1 B 2 A 3 A 4 C 5 A 6 C 7 B 8 B

### Page 49 – exercise 2

a 5 b 7 c 6 d 2 e 4 f 1 g 3

### Page 49 – exercise 3

a gets back b cottage c strange  
d scream e empty f jewellery  
1 scream 2 empty 3 jewellery  
4 cottage 5 strange 6 get back

## Chapter Seven

### Page 50 – exercise 1

A wake up B dream C sleep  
D daydream E sleepwalk F get up  
G snore

### Page 56 – exercise 1

1 A 2 A 3 B 4 C 5 A 6 A 7 C 8 B  
9 A 10 C

### Page 56 – exercise 2

a Mrs Black's son b Mum c Laura  
d Mrs Black e Dad f Mrs Black  
g Uncle Stephen

### Page 57 – exercise 3

**Subject pronouns:** I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they

**Possessive adjectives:** my, your, his, her, its, our, your, their

### Page 57 – exercise 4

a my, His   b Their   c your   d Her  
e Our

## Chapter Eight

### Page 58 – exercise 1

a Where does Laura come from?  
b Where is she now?   c Has she got  
any sisters or brothers?   d Who is on  
holiday with Max?   e What does Laura  
hear in the night?   f Why doesn't she  
want Mrs Black's hot chocolate?

### Page 58 – exercise 2

1 d   2 c   3 f   4 e   5 a   6 b

### Page 58 – exercise 3

a keys   b Wednesday   c sleep  
d funny   e goodbye

### Page 63 – exercise 1

1 C   2 A   3 B   4 A   5 C

## Chapter Nine

### Page 68 – exercise 1

1 Why is Uncle Stephen happy?  
2 When does the train leave?   3 Where  
does Professor Johnson live?   4 Why is  
the stone cross important?   5 How long  
is the journey from Stonecross to  
London?   6 What does Mrs Black want?  
a 6   b 5   c 2   d 1   e 3   f 4

### Page 68 – exercise 2

1 d   2 c   3 l   4 k   5 a   6 f   7 h   8 i  
9 e   10 m   11 j   12 g   13 b

a US   b US   c PJ   d US   e US   f PJ  
g PJ   h US   i PJ   j US   k PJ   l US  
m PJ

## Chapter Ten

### Page 69 – exercise 1

A apron   B rolling pin   C rope  
D handcuffs

### Page 74 – exercise 1

1 B   2 B   3 A   4 C   5 B   6 B   7 B   8 C  
9 A   10 B

### Page 75 – exercise 2

a siren   b pin   c rope   d garden   e tea  
f ambulance   g chocolate   h son  
i criminal   j handcuffs   k apron   l bump  
m parents

A	B	P	A	R	E	N	T	S	C
C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	T
W	A	M	B	U	L	A	N	C	E
E	N	S	H	F	G	E	D	R	A
B	D	O	I	J	A	H	K	I	G
D	C	N	S	L	R	O	A	M	R
B	U	M	P	P	D	L	P	I	O
Q	F	P	I	O	E	F	R	N	P
R	F	S	N	M	N	L	O	A	E
U	S	I	R	E	N	V	N	L	X

## Chapter 11

### Page 79 – exercise 1

a In the hospital.   b Because he has a  
bump on the head.   c Dorothy Smith.  
d A secret organisation that wants to  
find the secret of Stonehenge.   e That  
the stones can keep their 5,000-year-old  
secret, it's not right to take it from them  
now.   f Uncle Stephen.   g An  
adventure.

### Page 79 – exercise 2

1 Thursday   2 3.30   3 London   4 12  
5 brother, Max   6 Auntie Barbara  
7 Martin Knight   8 Martin Knight is Mrs  
Black's son



**Page 80 – exercise 3**

**Across** 1 noise 5 historian 8 audio

9 hot 11 tie 12 lives

**Down** 2 son 3 thief 4 cottage

6 secret 7 police 10 old

**KEY TO EXIT TEST 1**

**Page 82 – exercise 1**

1. C / 2. A / 3. C / 4. B / 5. B / 6. A / 7. C / 8. C / 9. A

**Page 82 – exercise 2**

a. Laura / b. Dad / c. Laura / d. Martin Knight / e. Mr Carter /

f. Professor Johnson / g. Uncle Stephen / h. Martin Knight /

i. Mum / j. Uncle Stephen

**Page 83 – exercise 3**

**Things for cooking:** apron, ingredients, recipe, rolling pin

**Things to wear:** boots, brooch, earrings, tie (apron)

**Things in the house:** cupboard, desk, drawer, pillow

**Things in the country:** field, hill, river, tree

**KEY TO EXIT TEST 2**

**Page 84 – exercise 1**

1 F; 2 F; 3 T; 4 T; 5 F; 6 T; 7 F; 8 F.

**Page 84 – exercise 2**

1 are; 2 on; 3 is; 4 the; 5 is; 6 to; 7 to; 8 a.

**Page 85 – exercise 3**

1 twins; 2 cottage; 3 field; 4 suitcase; 5 boots; 6 witch; 7 tie; 8 scream;

9 tidy; 10 handcuffs.

**Page 85 – exercise 4**

1 c; 2 a; 3 f; 4 g; 5 b; 6 e; 7 d.



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